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PORTUGUESE ARE TO FILE CHARGES WITH SEC. FISHER

Matter of Distribution of Hai-
ku Pineapple Lands to Be
Brought Up

The Portuguese residents of the Hawaiian Islands are deeply interested in the probable visit of Secretary Fisher to the islands, and judging by an editorial appearing in "A Setta" of Hilo, will be on hand to prefer charges, notably in regard to the distribution of the Haiku pineapple lands. The editorial is as follows:

"The long delayed, long expected, and very welcomed Fisher is now scheduled with certainty, to arrive in the near future. Of course it is a fore-going conclusion that the result of his investigation will not accept Frear's reappointment in the least. But he will be given a few administration nuts to crack which we hope he will devour with some relish. The most interesting ones will be relative to homesteading.

"Here were the preliminary ones. Why were the Molokans a gang of unworthy Russians given the choice of the Kapaa lands at \$15.00 an acre, in preference to the Kaula citizens who had been, were, are, and will be clamoring for lands? Why were these same lands, abandoned by the Molokans leased to the Hon. Fairchild and his crowd?

"Why is it that now after many years the worse portion of these lands is being reopened for homesteads at a higher figure than was given to the Molokans?

"Why was it that a number of applications from Mauties for the Haiku pineapple lands were ignored? Why were these same lands given to Malihinis from America and Government officials in Honolulu? Why did the Supreme Court refer to every dictionary and Encyclopaedia in existence so as to decide that actual, and permanent residence is required by the Kaula Ki III. (Hakwala) Homesteaders?

"Why are King Starret, and Prince Panchard allowed to reside in Honolulu pressing the clutch of fat Government jobs while their homesteads in Haiku are being cultivated by Asiatics? How will these Gov. officials comply with the law as laid down by the Supreme Court?

"Why are the Haiku lands cut into 60 acres lots at \$15.00 an acre, and the Kaulaimano (Pepeekeo) lands into 8 and 10 acre lots at \$50.00 an acre? Why does an acre of Haiku Pineapple land produce four times as much yearly income as an acre of Pepeekeo land?

"Why? Why? Why?"

FISHER EXPECTS TO SAIL ON AUG. 23

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 29. — Secretary Fisher expects Congress to adjourn in time for him to reach San Francisco so as to sail for Hawaii on the steamer of August 23d.

The term of Governor Frear of Hawaii expired over a year ago, and the President has determined not to appoint a Governor of Hawaii until Secretary Fisher can visit the islands and make a report on conditions there. The information which has reached the President is conflicting and the President is insistent that he shall receive at first hand the report of Secretary Fisher as to the actual state of affairs upon the island.

The secretary has been planning for some time to make the trip to the islands to investigate the merits of the fight being waged against Governor Frear, but, owing to the importance of his department in matters of legislation, it has been impossible for him to leave Washington as long as the two houses are in session. Anticipating an early adjournment of Congress, Secretary Fisher reserved passage for Hawaii upon the steamer sailing August 10th, but has been forced to cancel his reservation.

NARROWLY ESCAPES DEATH UNDER WHEELS

Joaquin Gonsalves, a photographer, narrowly escaped injury at Pawa Junction yesterday afternoon by being dragged from between two street-cars by passengers on a Walkiki-bound street-car. Gonsalves was standing on the footboard of the King street car and jumped off just as the other car approached. He was knocked down but was caught by passengers on the footboard just as he was falling between the cars.

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RUSSIAN SUICIDE LEAGUE THE LATEST SENSATION

Count Who Drew Fatal Lot
Exposes Strange Organization

ST. PETERSBURG, July 14. — Russian clubland boasts a suicide club as its latest sensation. It has headquarters here and branches in Moscow, Odessa, Kiev and other large towns. Called the "Suicides' league," it has, no fixed abode, no charter and few rules. All members are sworn to secrecy; but one or two, who took fright, left it and told friends a thing or two. The club had a large and aristocratic membership, including titled people and society belles, mothers of families, old men, middle-aged rakes, and many young people. Social gatherings are held weekly, in members' houses. The theme of conversation must be suicide, and prizes are given for the best suggestions for self-murder.

The police, who have made several vain tries to catch the club at sittings, say that a dozen suicides a day are the average for St. Petersburg, and think the league has something to do with it. But the league has just published a denial, saying, "We are not responsible for these vulgar suicides. Our members are forbidden to take their lives for reasons of jealousy,

love, hunger, poverty or life's ordinary failures. None of our members is poor, and we aim at getting together cultivated people who will simply kill themselves for the science of the thing. We forbid hanging, drowning and common poisons."

Once a month a ballot is held. All tickets are blank but one, which has a skull and cross-bones. The member who fishes this out is supposed to commit suicide within a week; if he, or she, has no new plan, one of the others gives suggestions. This sounds farcical; but Count Souvoroff, who was a member, thought it too much like a tragedy to be taken seriously. He drew the fatal lot.

His fellow members decided that he must go to his estate in Bessarabia, hold a magnificent feast, and put poison into his glass as the last toast was drunk. He obeyed, drank the champagne, and apparently fell dead. But next day, a near neighbor was startled to see him drive up to the house. The count explained to his startled host that he had only taken a little powdered sugar, and meant to leave the league forever.

The members had gone off after the feast, very pleased with themselves. But they reckoned with Souvoroff, who appeared at their next meeting, attired as his own ghost, and gave them such a fright that many resigned then and there. Though bound to silence, the count says he would like someone to show up the league, as it

works a lot in influence on weak people. He tells a good story about a meeting, where the president, "a very well known man," drew the fatal skull and cross-bones. Consternation reigned for some time, as the president is of world-wide reputation, and his death would raise scandal. But suicides are nothing if not resourceful. They passed a resolution begging him not to kill himself. He graciously consented. "And jolly glad he was, too," remarked the count.

This president is supposed to be no less a personage than Arcybassoff, whose books are as degenerate as they are clever. His last one, "At the Last Limit," actually preaches suicide as one of the few experiences worth having. Those who have tried it say that the experience of pulling out the lots at monthly meetings is more thrilling than anything they have ever known. These, anyway, are the declarations of sober Russian papers.

KERMIT ROOSEVELT GOES TO BRAZIL AS RAILROADER

NEW YORK, July 27. — Kermit Roosevelt, the second son of Theodore Roosevelt, sailed today on the Olympic for Brazil, where he is going into railroading. He is a Harvard man. He was with his father on the African hunting trip, and since that time has hunted in various parts of America on his own hook.

ALBERTA FARMERS EXPECT TO PROFIT BY PANAMA CANAL

Will Send Grain to Liverpool by
Water Route

CALGARY, Can., July 26. — The benefits that will accrue to all western Canada through the opening of the Panama canal are numerous. But no province will profit more than will Alberta. She will be plucked from an inferior market position and placed level with the other agricultural provinces. To her the canal will be worth millions yearly, considering the wheat crop alone. Last year, from this source, it would have turned a full \$3,000,000 into the pockets of the Alberta farmer. And less than a tenth of the arable lands of the province are under cultivation.

At present the Alberta farmer is at something of a disadvantage in marketing his grain crops. The Liverpool market sets the price of the world's wheat. Wheat at the initial elevator is worth the Liverpool price less the cost of getting the grain to that market, irrespective of whether the grain goes to the English market or elsewhere. At times local conditions make a difference, but in Canada, where there is a large excess for export, the price is practically always set by Liverpool.

The Alberta farmer has an alternative route, but prices are seldom such as to make it available. This is to ship by rail to Vancouver and from there by ocean to Liverpool via the Suez canal, Cape Horn or to Tehuantepec, Mexico, thence across the isthmus by rail. The average rate from Alberta points to Vancouver is 14 cents per bushel. From Vancouver to Liverpool in ocean bottoms the freight averages 18 cents per bushel; a total freight rate, Alberta to Liverpool, of 32 cents per bushel. Besides this, there is a charge of 6 cents per bushel for stacking the grain, as there are no elevators at Vancouver and steamers are not equipped for carrying grain in bulk, making a total cost of 38 cents per bushel, by the western route.

Thus, even in winter, when the expensive "all-rail" route must be used from Alberta to tide-water, there is always an advantage in favor of the eastern route of at least 3 cents per bushel. But elevators at Vancouver, which structures are projected now and will soon be in course of construction, and the rate favors the eastern route when the lakes are open and the western during the winter.

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